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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1403

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOR AF AND FBO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, PFOR, CIVS, SO, US

SUBJ: GSDR REFUSES VISA FOR FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR

REF: A. MOGADISCIO 1649; B. MOGADISCIO 1092

1. IN SURPRISE MOVE, GSDR IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED RESIDENT PERMIT FOR FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR VALLEJO AND HAS ORDERED HIM AND FAMILY LEAVE SOMALIA NOV 11. I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD TO DISCUSS CASE.
2. ON NOV 8, FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER TO ASK THAT VALLEJO MEET WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. NO EXPLANATION OR REASON GIVEN. WHEN VALLEJO, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSULAR OFFICER, MET WITH VICE-COMMANDANT OF IMMIGRATION MORNING NOV 10, LATTER STATED VALLEJO'S VISA REQUEST HAD BEEN REFUSED AND HE MUST DEPART ON NEXT AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT, I.E., NOV 11. OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE WAS FAMILIAR WITH CASE, THAT DECISION WAS FINAL, AND THAT VALLEJO WOULD BE IN TROUBLE IF HE DID NOT DEPART ON NOV 11.
3. VALLEJO AND FAMILY HAVE RESIDED IN SOMALIA SINCE EARLY JANUARY 1969 WITH EXCEPTION OF TDY IN MOROCCO MID-1972 UNTIL

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LAST WEEK. BECAUSE OF LONG PERIOD OF TDY, HE APPLIED FOR AND

RECEIVED NEW VISA FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY IN RABAT PRIOR RETURN TO MOGADISCIO. VISA HOWEVER LIMITED TO INITIAL ENTRY; IT IS HIS APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED RESIDENCE TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EMBASSY CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN REFUSED.

4. WE UNSURE WHY GSDR IS TAKING THIS ACTION. INFORMAL DISCUSSION LAST FEW DAYS BETWEEN FBO TEAM, VALLEJO, AND SOMALI CONTRACTOR HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION CONTRACTOR EXPECTED PROBLEM FOR RENEWED CONSTRUCTION.

5. SINCE VALLEJO IS KEY PERSON IN TERMS OF NEW FBO PROJECT AND SINCE PRESIDENT SIAD HAD GIVEN US GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT FOUR MONTHS AGO (REF B), I HAVE REQUESTED MEETING WITH HIM IN WHICH I WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION OF GSDR ATTITUDE TOWARD PROJECT AS A WHOLE, EMPHASIZE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH VALLEJO EXPULSION POSES FOR PROJECT, AND ASK RECONSIDERATION OF DENIAL OF PERMIT.

6. IN MEANTIME, VALLEJO AND FAMILY PROCEEDING TO NAIROBI ON TDY ORDERS.

7. EMBASSY REQUESTS FBO TEAM REMAIN HERE UNTIL NOV 18 IN ORDER RESOLVE MATTERS FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. TEAM CONCURS. DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE OR ADVICE REQUESTED.

8. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR ADDOU TO EMPHASIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF GSDR ACTION IN TERMS OF FBO PROJECT WHICH FROM PRACTICAL AND SYMBOLIC STANDPOINT EMPHASIZES U.S. LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH GSDR. KIRK

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